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residency requirements because a result of court action. So it's something that, in a way, you could say is going to save us some money before the court action comes to Nebraska. This only affects the Nebraska Veterans Aid Fund, of which it's fine, it's stable, there's plenty of money there, and that's about all it does. It is not...like the last (laugh) bill. This one's fairly uncontroversial. But should anyone have any questions, I would attempt to answer them. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. There being no discussion, Senator, you're recognized to close. Senator Hilgert waives closing on LB 227. The motion before us is the advancement. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 227.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. LB 227 is advanced to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 437, Mr. President, by Senator Wickersham. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 14, referred to the Revenue Committee, advanced to General File. I do have amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Chair recognizes Senator Wickersham, to open on LB 437.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. LB 437 is a bill that concerns agricultural societies. You may remember that two years ago we passed a bill that also concerned agricultural societies. This bill concerns agricultural societies in a couple of different ways. One, it creates a new option for the organization of the county fair. As things now stand, there are two options. One, you can have a county fair put on through the auspices of a board that is appointed by the county. I think we have five counties where that's the relationship between the organizations that put on the county fair. In that instance, that's a pure division of the county. The other model is the model of the agricultural society and, for the most part, those are nonprofit